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TEAMS GET EVEN BREAK

DEBATERS WIN AT HOME AND
LOSE AT JAMESTOWN ON
SAME NIGHT

Speaking simultaneously from platforms here and at Jamestown, Moorhead debate teams broke even in a dual debate with Jamestown College, the last on the 1926 schedule, last Saturday evening, March 13. The negative team of Moorhead, Marie Sorknes, Harold Preusse, Ralph Smith, won the decision of the single Judge, Mr. L. O. Brown, Detroit, in the contest here. At the same time the affirmative team, altho acquitting itself well, lost to Jamestown's negative, at Jamestown. This team was Alvera Brown, Lawrence Lee, and Ragnhild Johnson. The sole judge was Mr. A. F. Gamber, instructor of history, State Teachers College, Valley City. Professor Bay, department of speech, presided at the Jamestown debate; Mr. S. A. Hamrin performed the same office here.

The child labor question was used in both debates; the issues, of probable necessity and probable effectiveness, were defined with fair clearness. In the local contest the clash of opinion centered about the actual seriousness of the evil of child labor.

At Jamestown, it was the opinion of the judge that Moorhead had not sufficiently sustained its burden of proof, and had particularly not shown that child labor was actually increasing in amount. The negative team of Jamestown had argued that the proposed amendment would "seriously interfere with personal and state's rights, was not necessary, would involve a radical change in our system of government, and was inherently dangerous."

Altho both Macalester and Wheaton College, Illinois, have requested debates at Moorhead with the local teams, altho Aberdeen would like a return engagement with Moorhead at Aberdeen, the season is being closed. It is probable that some form of recognition will be given the eight students who have spent three months in practicing, and have participated in six debates with fair success. Just what this will be is not yet known.

The football team at the University of Hawaii has won twenty-one football games in succession.

M. S. T. C. CENSUS TAKEN BY MISTIC REPORTER

Enrollment for the spring term has been completed. There are at present four hundred ninety-seven students at the Teachers College, distributed thus:

First Year—Men, 24; women, 242.

Second Year—Men, 22; women, 190.

Third and Fourth Year—Men, 9; women, 10.

This makes a total of 55 men and 442 women enrolled at M. S. T. C. at present.

BABY PEDS CLOSE SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The Junior High School "Baby Peds" basketball team closed an unusually successful season a week ago with a win over a Moorhead high school all-star aggregation.

The Baby Peds won 10 out of 13 games during the past season under the able coaching of Arlo Baldwin. They defeated the Dilworth High School team twice, various teams from Moorhead High four times; Central Freshmen, Roosevelt Jr. High, Congregational Church team, and the Practice Teachers five all went down in defeat before our Junior High School quint.

Central Freshmen, Moorhead High Second, and the Dilworth High team were the only teams to win from the Baldwin coached aggregation and these teams were beaten later by the Baby Peds.

Bielfeldt, Winquist, forwards; R. Probstfield, center; Nelson and J. Probstfield, guards, were the regulars. Anderson, Johnson, Hanson and Ringquist were the substitutes, all of whom performed at some time or other during the season.

On behalf of the college we wish to commend Coach Baldwin and his team on their successful season and hope they can keep up the good work in their future athletic careers.

The Schoolmaster's Study Club meets tonight for a dinner at Comstock Hall dining room at which the Teachers College faculty members will be hosts. The dinner will be followed by a varied program by members of the club.

On Tuesday evening, March 23, President R. B. MacLean will go to Detroit, where he will be the principal speaker at a local school faculty dinner. Mr. MacLean will talk on "Atlantic Seaboard in History and Industry."

VARIED SPORT PROGRAM PLANNED

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ORGAN-
IZES GAME FOR EVERY MAN
SPORT SCHEDULE

Now that "sprig has cub" and winter is over, we shall turn the "sport light" on the spring athletic program for the boys. Football, track, tennis, and baseball are on the schedule for this term.

Football will come first, from March 20th to April 20th, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The work will consist mostly of fundamentals with a game at the end of the season between two teams picked from the men who are out—probably between the Swedes and Norwegians. Capt. Erickson, Ted Nemzek, and Gates will assist Coach Nemzek in drilling the fundamentals into the new men.

Track will begin April 15th and continue until May 20th at which time the season will end with a conference track meet at Valley City. Baldwin will be Coach Nemzek's right-hand man in showing the tracksters how to do their stuff on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons.

Baseball will commence about April 1st and continue until June 2nd. The first few days will probably be spent in indoor practice with outdoor work starting as soon as the weather permits. There will be several regular games with conference teams and independent teams in this vicinity. Storms and Strombo will aid Coach Nemzek.

Tennis will begin as soon as the courts dry up. There will be a school tournament staged later in the season and a conference tournament may be scheduled at Valley City in connection with the track meet.

This varied program will give practically all the boys in school a chance to enter into some form of sport this spring and those who have not registered as yet for physical education for the spring are urged to do so as soon as possible. Credit in physical education will be given to those who participate at least 24 hours in football and track; 30 hours being required in baseball.

Miss M. Alice Ide, supervisor of student teaching at Glyndon, entertained Mr. and Mrs. R. B. MacLean, Miss Georgina Lommen, Miss Jennie M. Owens, and Miss Katherine Leonard at tea Saturday evening, March 13.

THE MISTIC

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The young conformists are a dull lot. Yet, like most dull people, they are dull only on the surface. The why, the wherefore, and the interior manipulations of youthful conformity are yet to be analyzed and ticketed by the laboratory psychologists. When this necessary work is done, we shall know what makes youthful conformity so widespread a phenomenon. The young conformists are those who believe what they are told. They are the people, of pioneer stock, it is likely, and small town up-bringing, earnest, sincere, idealistic, but occasionally also, ignorant. There is a difference between thinking right on moral questions, largely a matter of habit and superstition (even your conservative will admit this if pressed); and intellectual integrity. Dr. Riley, the Twin Cities' (of Minnesota) foremost fundamentalist, is perhaps an honest man. He thinks right on moral questions. It is his business. But he does not scruple, in platform address and argument, to stoop to appeal to the basest sections of the crowd psychology; he never hesitates, if the tide of battle is going against him, to substitute a jest for truth, a striking locution for rebuttal, and a hearty roar for fact. The writer has heard him. The young conformists who have been well brought up follow him. The young radicals, who come from god-less homes, or who have revolted from the stock pabulum of denominationalism stay away from him, and from his church. This is sad; condemning an institution because of a man is absurd. For a liberal to attack fundamentalism because Bryan was an intellectual juggler is for the liberal to cast serious reflections on his own intellectual honesty.

The MISTIC is printing this week two bits of student opinion. On this campus, where the students technically have but little voice in their own government, such a column as this paper is initiating may be the means of discovering, to the faculty, that intelligent, reasonable opinion, not rubber-stamp thinking, does sometimes come from this student body. One of the articles printed this week is commendatory. The second is a bit otherwise. In a student press there is room for both. The MISTIC itself, being in a constructive mood, will also offer a suggestion. Until the four-year course becomes an inherent part of the college, and we have four years of combined academic and professional work as a matter of course (this was recently introduced in faculty meeting, we hear) there is a great deal of the best of modern thought which remains inaccessible to Moorhead students, or which never comes their way. It is genuinely to be regretted that people of college age should finish even a two-year course and do little more than review professionalized versions of elementary school subjects. The world is moving on, and there is more to leading a successful 20th Century life than knowing the three R's. Why could not members of the faculty, who are privy to such things (it is presumed) give a series of lectures (or even coherent chapel talks) presenting expositions, no more, of some of the more important and striking contributions to modern thought made, let us say, since the middle of the 19th C? We have made but little effort, but the names of Keyserling, Spengler, Bergson, James, Croce, Millikan, Russell, Gandhi, Einstein, Ehrlich, Dewey, Boodin, Alexander, Bohr, et cetera, come readily to mind. We think it a slur on the intelligence of

the student body to imagine that they would not be interested in such a presentation, if it could be given.

"Dynamics of Human Conduct" was the subject of a talk given by C. P. Archer, of the Education Department, at a meeting of the Young People's Society at the Swedish Lutheran church in Moorhead last Thursday evening, March 11.

"WHAT MEN W-I-L-L WEAR!"

Enter the sailor! Girls take warning, we have notorious people in our midst! It was not always thus—we have had with us men of all types—an occasional Vaseline—a dangling modifier of the ex-shick age. There have been football men wearing heavy collegiate sweaters, but this being a Teachers College, we have never before had uniforms. Perhaps the men have realized how very susceptible women are to uniforms.

Viva la sailors!

Miss Inez Lunder, who attends the A. C., visited with Esther Houge, Saturday and Sunday.

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Among those who spent the weekend at their homes are: Agnes Redlinger and Esther Vertin at Breckenridge, Marion Albertson at Detroit.

PI MU PHI OPENS

SPRING RUSHING

The Pi Mu Phi sorority began its spring rushing Wednesday by issuing invitations to six girls to attend parties the balance of the week. The affairs will take the form of "Prospecting in Alaska," and many unique ideas are being enforced. The first of these engagements was given in Room 7, Comstock Hall, Wednesday afternoon, and was carried out in the idea of prospecting. The Misses Delores Allen, Ragnhild Johnson, and Lucille George were the hostesses. Thursday afternoon the guests were entertained at a "Gold Rush" by enjoying a picnic on the banks of the Red River. The affair was capably executed by Clarice Holum, Florence Thorson and Ruth Smith.

"Striking Gold" will be the feature of Friday's program and Annie Dunn, Merle Nelson, Eva Madsen, and Helen Bergquist will entertain.

Saturday morning will be occupied by a "Visit to Nome" and Miss Hope Bertelson and other alumni will conduct the trip. Saturday evening the guests will be given a view of "Night Life in Nome" and Berta Divet, Marie Sorknes, Irene Felde, and Ruby Smith will be hostesses. The "End of the Gold Rush" will be in vogue Sunday when the girls will be entertained by Louise Hendrickson and Zelda Resley.

Gags by Gates

WALT WILLIAMS HAS RETURNED FROM KIRKHOVEN TO ATTEND SCHOOL FOR A FEW WEEKS AGAIN.

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Have you heard the story about the "Self-made man who is working his son's way thru college?"

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A western farmer was astonished to receive the following letter from his son in college: "Dear Father: I am in a deuce of a hole. Kindly send me \$100 and oblige. Your loving son, Pat."

"P. S.—After writing this letter I was so stricken with remorse that I ran after the postman and tried to get it back. I can only pray that it will not reach you."

But who could be more astonished than the son to receive this reply: "Dear Son: Your prayers are answered. This letter did not reach me. Dad."—Ex.

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Prof: Is there anything around this school, outside of Lincoln's statue, that reminds you of the Civil war?

Student: Ha! The Gamma Nu candy sale.

Prof: I don't get the connection.

Student: Wasn't it in the Civil war that the soldiers had to live on hardtack?

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AS SPRING DRAWS NEAR WE HEAR THE BOYS TALKING ABOUT GETTING THEIR CARS FIXED UP. WE HEARD LOTTIE WAMBACK QUOTE THUSLY: "MY FORD HAS BEEN PUT APART AND TOOK TOGETHER A LOT OF TIMES."

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The authorities of the Fargo Forum report a big sale of Sunday's edition. Thanks to the picture of the Male Chorus.

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It has been written that a little learning is a dangerous thing. The dear high school children, after the first three gawping weeks of chemistry, usually stink up some place with the simple gas, hydrogen sulphide, known to the trade as H₂S, to the world at large as rotten eggs. This kindergarten stunt has lately been performed here, and by the holder of an advanced diploma. It is reported that his little head was just bursting with his new knowledge. To relieve the congestion (Monday morning he had to understand what was meant by MaCl; teacher said he had to) he got rid of it, and the gas, last Saturday night. Well, boys will be boys, but they're a blamed nuisance while they're growing up.

A MODEST PROPOSAL

For the Increase of Efficiency and General Liveliness in the Current Farce Known as Sorority Rushing.

(Dear Ed.: If you will pardon the paraphrase of Mr. Swift's famous title at the head of this essay, the writer earnestly desires, out of a kind heart, to unload some suggestions that will add materially to everyone's joy in life.)

Since there are but two organizations dedicated to the perpetuation of sisterly affection and social cheer on this campus, those of us who are outsiders, we barbs (to employ a phrase) are interested in seeing those two flourish. Therefore, realizing the importance of the impending crisis (which, in case you are so blind as to be unaware, is the crisis of spring rushing) we helpfully come forward.

1. Co-operation is the keynote of success. (This is No. 1462). Let the members of the two sororities set a day, preferably a bright and sunny one, and do all their rushing at once, and together. We offer the athletic field.

2. Here, lining up the prospects in the center of the field, and the two sororities at either end, would be a chance for a diverting spectacle. Admission could be charged, the grandstands would be filled, and the sorority coffers, now in a state of depletion, would soon be overflowing.

3. We nominate Herbert Burgy cheer leader for the adherents of Gamma Nu. Harold Johnsrud is the obvious choice as rooter king of Pi Mu Phi. The addition of these faculty gentlemen would add a scholarly, official air to the proceedings; and after it was all over Mr. Burgy could make a map of the battle, showing elevations and depressions in the turf.

4. Since there is, of course, a great deal of cross rushing, the sororities being governed by the same relative intelligence which makes a hen, surrounded by good eating, gallop across the barnyard to fight with another hen over a damphool worm, the collection of young women in the center of the field will be small. We advise, therefore, regulation football equipment for them. We shall equip the sorority sisters themselves only with honeyed tones, smiles, and a hearty buss or two (for the rushees) and dirty looks (for the opposition).

5. After an inspector has observed Misses A. A. Dunn and D. Cronin, the two executive heads of the organizations, and removed any concealed weapons, let a whistle be blown.

6. At this signal the sorority members will advance in a body, even in a rush (this is where the term comes

in) upon the prospects, and attempt to carry them back to their own ends of the field. No hold will be barred. Girls previously pledged (sub rosa) can assist their friends by running, unaided, to the proper end. Cross-rushing, in many instances, will result in a tug of war of sorts. This will be great sport for the barbarians in the stands who, not being Greeks (unless perchance attached to Delta Sigma, or that other Attic club, Lambda Phi Sigma) will enjoy it.

7. When it is all over, Misses Bul-lard and Frick will be untied from the goal posts, where they have been pawing the earth during the melee, and the sororities, with what is left of the prospects, will adjourn to participate in a love feast.

DR. JONQUIL,

Ph. D. (Moler Barber College).

ARION CLUB PLANS

MUSICAL PROGRAMS

Saturday evening, March 20, the Arion club, music organization of the State Teachers College, will broadcast a program by the members of the club over WDAY station in Fargo.

The club is presenting a varied musical program in the auditorium on Tuesday evening, March 23, at eight o'clock. The price of 15 cents admission will be charged to help support the coming spring tours of the men's and women's choruses.

STATIC ELECTRICITY

ENLIVENS CHAPEL

It is not true at many schools that one may go to chapel and be painfully, unbelievably horribly, shocked. But it is true at our school! We go regularly to chapel and dutifully sing the prescribed hymns—but we no more than rise to do so when we are attacked on all sides by atrocious, back-biting, spicy shocks that make the weaker sex (?) squeal in unison. But we like and appreciate our spiteful little shocks for they are like a delightfully "Spiked" cocktail before a long and heavy meal.

MISSING

1925 volume, Elementary School Journal, taken from Debate room. Please return to library.

S. A. Hamrin, of the Education Department, spoke on "The Power of Suggestion," at a meeting of the Lutheran Brotherhood society of Trinity Lutheran church, Monday evening, March 15.

Members of Gamma Nu sorority were entertained at a Sunday supper party, March 14, at the home of Helen Healy, 1018 Fourth St. No., Fargo.

Miss Bertha Thompson of Comstock Hall entertained her mother over the week-end.

Training School

TRAINING SCHOOL NOTES

The student teachers of the second and third grades under the supervision of Miss Jones, met at her apartments Thursday evening for a round table discussion.

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The Industrial Arts classes of the first grade are making stuffed dolls and animals for their spring project.

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The Intermediate Grade Citizens' Club have elected new officers for the spring term.

President.....Emerson Donovan
Vice-President.....Dorothy Edwards
Secretary.....Emma Chafman
Treasurer.....Lucille Schud

* * * "A NIGHT IN AN INN"

Presented by J. H. S. Boys.

A one-act fantasy, "A Night in An Inn," by Lord Dunsany, was presented by a group of Junior High School boys last Friday afternoon in the auditorium. Mr. H. C. Johnsrud, of the English Department, directed the play. The cast of characters was as follows:

Toff.....Gordon Hanson
Albert.....Lester Bielfeldt
Bill.....Walter Rindquist
Sniggers.....Vernie Winquist
Three Prients of Klesh.....
.....Maurice Johnson, Jack
Probstfield, and Robert Probstfield
Idol.....George Anderson

A fair-sized audience of instructors, college students, training school pupils, and parents, enjoyed this bit of dramatic endeavor.

Y. W. C. A. CABINET INSTALLED AT THURSDAY MEETING

The installation of the new officers for the local Y. W. C. A. was held on Thursday evening of last week in Wheeler Hall. The officers and chairman of the committees who were installed were: Gertrude Espeland, president; Ragnhild Johnson, vice-president; Lillian Bjorsness, secretary; Ermagaard Bergquist, treasurer; Gunhild Nelson, under-graduate representative; Berniece Caughey, chairman of the membership committee; Lucille George of the program and music committee; Nellie Inglis of the finance committee; Ruby Krogh of the world-fellowship committee, and Bernice Voight of the publicity committee.

The new cabinet is making plans for the spring term's meetings and they will be announced later.

ALTHAIA WILL MEET MARCH 23

The long-detained meeting of Althaia Literary Society will finally be held at 7:00 P. M., March 23, in the usual place. The originally prepared program will be given at that time.

Y. M. C. A. ELECTS OFFICERS

The college Y. M. C. A. elected officers for the coming year last Monday night. The result of the poll was as follows:

President—Dorman Sutton, Pine River.

Vice-President — George Simson, Wheaton.

Secretary—Henry Weltzin, Battle Lake.

Treasurer—Oscar Haugh, Badger.

The election was succeeded by a discussion of the North Dakota convention to be held in Fargo, April 8-11, and an interesting talk by Mr. Bridges, with a discussion by the members on "Who Is a Christian?" Mr. Bridges brought out primarily the fact that the students in college should not sit back and think that they have no responsibility, and expect to be able to take up the burdens when they go out to teach; he declared that life has already begun with college life, and that responsibility is found right in school, nor must it be shirked.

SPRING RUSHING BEGUN

BY GAMMA NU

Invitations to a series of rushing parties from Wednesday, March 17, to Sunday, March 21, were issued by Gamma Nu sorority this week.

The following affairs for the week are:

Wednesday, March 17.

Traditional Gold and White Tea, 516 Ninth St. So., Moorhead, 4:30 to 5:30 P. M.

St. Patrick's Surprise, Room 38, Comstock, 9:45 to 10:15 P. M.

Thursday, March 18.

Duchess of Marlborough, Comstock Alcove, 12:20 P. M.

Friday, March 19.

Hollywood Cruise, 5:00 to 7:30 P. M.

Saturday, March 20.

Sunrise Waffle Breakfast, Tea Cup Inn, 9:00 A. M.

"Fargo" Theatre Party, 3:30 P. M.

Sunday, March 21.

Gammu Nu Excursion, Casselton, North Dakota.

COUNTRY LIFE CLUB

HAS SOCIAL HOUR

IN COLLEGE GYM

The members of the Country Life Club spent a very enjoyable hour on Wednesday night, March 17, from 7:30 to 8:30. A well worked out choice of games were selected by the program committee, after which refreshments were served. A very fine time was reported by all those attending.

Over the week-end, Miss Rae Bigelow, Comstock Hall, entertained her friend, Mary Duncan of Fargo. On Sunday, Miss Bigelow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Bigelow, Jamestown, and her sister, Margaret, were her guests.

Vox Populi

MUSIC

This place is not all wrong, neither is it all right. We shall leave the destructive criticism of things in general to a worthy chapel speaker. The music department is deserving of our commendation. Needless to say, other Weld Hall instructors might take exception to this discourse on sweet sounds, but we who are privileged to hear it less often, thoroughly enjoy it. Along with the dialogues, orations and other demonstrations of students is found a musical number to dispel the gloom. The groups do not sing in agony. The Girls' Glee Club and Men's Chorus spend hours learning the secrets of harmonious singing. The music man has an admirable amount of patience to take raw materials and make a worthwhile singing organization. The spring tours are about to begin. These advertising groups need the support of the school. They will sing the Alma Mater at every concert as well as the laudations of this institution.

The symphonious effects of the orchestra, the syncopation of the college four, the programs broadcasted over WDAY, the voices of the Arion, and the efforts of the Glee Clubs are not negative quantities in this school. Come let us sing!

—X. Y. Z.

Dear Editor: * * *

When is a person grown up? When can it be said that he can think for himself?

Students come to this school expecting to use at least a little initiative, and the first things they are confronted with are "required" subjects and "required" attendance at classes and chapel. If students have a desire for school, is it necessary to force them to go to classes? Will they have any special devotion in chapel?

Some of our expounders of psychological principles tell us that we should direct, not demand pupil activity. Yet these same professors demand that certain subjects be "taken" (taste good?) and demand that they attend classes four days a week for twelve weeks, or be penalized with extra work. Why don't they give a fair example of the use of good psychology in this school? Is it because the laws apply to only children and the insane, and not to self-respective college students?

When is one full grown? If one cannot manage to live democratically in a college at the age of eighteen or above, how can he live in a democratic country?

I ask you as one all wise, why do we have all this holler about excuse slips and required subjects?

JONATHAN SWIFT.